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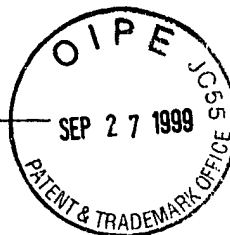
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In re application of:

HUTCHENS and YIP.

Application No.: 09/100,633

Filed: June 19, 1998

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed August 23, 1999, Applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute the claims of Group IV (claims 25-26 and 30-35), directed to a substrate comprising a polypeptide adsorbent and a screening method for determining whether an agent modulates binding.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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